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JURY CONVICTS AUGUSTA MAN OF CHILD ABUSE

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Roberto Alejandro Francisco Gutierrez, of Augusta, Georgia**, was convicted by a jury on February 16, 2006 in U.S. District Court, Augusta, Georgia following a three day trial.

Gutierrez was convicted on four counts, including one count of assault and one count of cruelty to a child related to injuries he inflicted upon his infant daughter, including fractures to her arm which required surgical repair. Gutierrez was also convicted on two additional counts of cruelty to a child related to his failure to provide sustenance for the child, and his delay in seeking medical attention for fractures she sustained to her ribs and clavicle. The child's injuries were treated at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center. Gutierrez was living with his wife, a soldier in the United States Army, and his infant daughter at the Fort Gordon Military Reservation when the incidents occurred. The assault charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment. Each of the cruelty to a child charges carries a minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. Gutierrez will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dudley Bowen following completion of a pre-sentence investigation report.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division. Special Agent Brian Ozden of the Federal Bureau of Investigation led the investigation and was assisted by Warrant Officer Katisha Freeman of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer and Special Assistant United States Attorney Raashid Williams of the United States Army.

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